

**In the Claims** (37 CFR §1.121(c)): Please amend the claims as follows. Any changes in the claims' content are indicated in the accompanying Amendment Sheet illustrating the amended claims and marking the changes made therein.

- Please amend claim 55 as follows to remedy the 35 USC §112(2) rejection, with support for the amendment being found particularly in claim 54:

B5 55. **[AMENDED]** The fixator of claim 54 wherein at least a portion of both the first and second parts is sharpened to enable said parts to pierce a graft and an artery.

- Please amend claim 62 as follows to remedy the 35 USC §112 rejection:

62. **[AMENDED]** The fixator of claim 51 included within a kit, the kit further comprising at least one of:

a. a device for supporting a catheter within an artery or arterial graft, the device including:

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- (1) a locating member for locating the device with respect to the catheter,
  - (2) a plurality of support members for supporting the catheter on the inner wall of the artery or graft,
  - (3) a resilient member connecting the locating member and the support members, wherein the resilient member biases the support members towards the artery wall,
  - (4) means for reducing the distance between the end of each support member distal to the locating member and the end of said support member proximate the locating member, thereby causing the central section of said support member to bow radially outward with respect to the locating member;

b. a device for dilating an artery when delivered translumenally to a locus of an artery by means of a catheter, the device including:

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- (1) a locating member for locating the device with respect to the catheter;
  - (2) a plurality of dilating members,
  - (3) a resilient member connecting the dilating members to the locating member and biasing the dilating member towards and into contact with the inner artery wall, whereby in use the resilient members cause the dilating members to apply outward pressure to the inner artery wall and dilate the artery,
  - (4) means for reducing the distance between the end of each dilating member distal to the locating member and the end of said dilating member proximate the locating member, thereby causing the central section of said dilating member to bow radially outward with respect to the locating member in order to apply increased outward pressure on the inner wall of the artery when the device is in use.
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- Please amend claims 68 and 69 as follows to conform their terminology to that of claim 51:
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68. **[AMENDED]** A fixator for retaining a graft on an artery, the fixator comprising elongated members:

- a. extending between first and second parts, and
- b. being connected between their first and second parts,

wherein each elongated member moves between:

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- (1) an open configuration wherein the elongated member is at least substantially oriented along a linear axis with its first and second parts distantly spaced, and
  - (2) a retaining configuration wherein the elongated member is bent so that its first and second parts are closely spaced,

whereby the elongated members of the fixator may in the open configuration be inserted into the circumference of a graft-bearing artery to pierce the graft and artery, and may then be moved to the retaining configuration to situate the graft and artery between the first and second parts.

69. **[AMENDED]** The fixator of claim 68 wherein at least one of the first and second parts of each of the elongated members is sharpened, whereby it may more easily pierce a graft and an artery.

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